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Staff Recommendations Presented

June 6th and 7th marked the beginning of the Commission meeting to draft a preliminary report. On June 6th, the Commission was given the Staff Recommendations which consist of seven sections:

I Planning
II Institutions/Institutional Missions
III Governance
IV Educational Policies
V Financing
VI Special Subjects
--Tenure and Staffing
--Health Care
VII Goals and Accountability

During the general sessions, Pat Callan detailed the rationale and basic assumptions of the recommendations. The Commission then broke into four small groups to consider each issue raised in the study plan. Consolidated statements prepared by the group leaders will be the subject of discussion by the full Commission at the meetings beginning June 26th.

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Commission Meeting

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for three days-- June 26, 27 and 28-- in Helena. The purpose of these meetings will be to decide upon recommendations to be included in a preliminary report to be published later this summer.

Ted James, chairman of the Commission, has stated that the public is invited to attend the Commission meetings as observers. However, Mr. James did stress that the meeting is not a public hearing and that participation in the deliberations will be limited to members of the Commission. The first round of public

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hearings was finished in April and the Commission will hold additional hearings on their preliminary report (to be widely distributed throughout the state) in the fall.

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Study Projects

The Technical Advisory Committees (composed of resource persons from the institutions of post-secondary education, as well as state agencies) have completed their reports for the Commission study. The reports reflect a synthesis of detailed statistical data, some general recommendations, and information relevant to state policy issues. The reports are as follows:

#1 Accountability
#2 Adult and Continuing Education
#3 Faculty Research
#4 Fiscal and Budgetary Information
#5 Health Care Education
#6 Independent Higher Education
#7 Manpower Planning
#8 Programmatic Planning
#9 Relations Among Post-Secondary Units
#10 Relations Between Secondary and Post-Secondary Education
#11 Student Enrollments

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Staff Reports

Title	Author	Availability
Staff Report #1 Review of Prior Studies of Post-Secondary Education	Staff	Current
Staff Report #2 Montana Post-Secondary Education: Issues and Questions	Staff	Current
Staff Report #3 Montana Public Post-Secondary Education Today	Staff	Current
Staff Report #4 Students Needs and Resources In Montana Post-Secondary Education	Staff	Current

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Staff Reports

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Staff Report #5 Goals for Montana Higher Education: A Survey of 12 Academic Communities	Staff	Current
Staff Report #6 Educational Plans of Montana Of Montana High School Seniors	Staff	Current
Staff Report #7 Vocational-Technical Student Survey	Staff	Current
Staff Report #8 Governance, Planning and Coordination	Staff	Current

(Single copies are available upon request from the Office of the Commission on Post-Secondary Education.)

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Preliminary Report

The Commission's preliminary report will be widely distributed throughout the state this summer. It will be the subject of public hearings sponsored by the Commission in September. The final report will be developed after the public hearings and must be presented to the Governor, the Legislature, and the State Board of Education by December first of this year.

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We would like to remind our readers that any person interested in obtaining a copy of the Staff Recommendations, the Technical Reports, or addressing himself to the issues of these studies or the Staff Recommendations is asked to do so in writing. All input can be addressed to:

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